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The following numbers of empty railroad cars were dispatched abroad in December 1952:

USSR

2,473 boxcars (grain shuttle cars)

2,659 gondola cars (for ore)

373 flatcars (of all types)

Poland

395 refrigerator cars (for butter and meat)

19,959 gondola cars (for coal)

470 refrigerator cars (for butter, poultry and meat)

Rumania

900 boxcars (for corn)

Bulgaria

100 refrigerator cars (for poultry and fruit)

Hungary

92 refrigerator for cars (for poultry)

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Comment. As compared with November 1953, freight cars dispatched to the USSR for grain and ore shipments decreased by about 50 percent, the number of flatcars decreased by 60 percent. This decrease was possibly due to weather conditions. The number of refrigerator cars for butter and meat imports from the USSR remained about constant. The number of gondola cars for coal shipments from Poland decreased by 30 percent, while the number of refrigerator cars increased by more than 100 percent. Cars for the shipment of corn from Rumania are reported for the first time. The number of refrigerator cars dispatched to Hungary increased by 200 percent.

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